# In the Claims

#### Claims 1-20 (canceled).

### Claim 21 (currently amended):

A method of controlling or inhibiting an insect wherein said method comprises contacting said insect with effective amounts of a Protein A, a Protein B, and a Protein C, wherein

- said Protein A is approximately 230-290 kDa, said Protein A consists essentially of a complex forming protein, wherein a polynucleotide A that encodes said Protein A hybridizes under stringent conditions with the full complement of a nucleic acid sequence A that encodes SEQ ID NO:34 (XptA2<sub>Xwi</sub>);
- said Protein B is approximately 130-180 kDa, said Protein B is a complex-forming protein consisting essentially of an, wherein a polynucleotide B that encodes said Protein B hybridizes under stringent conditions with the full complement of a nucleic acid sequence B that encodes a B amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC), SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>);
- said Protein C is approximately 90-120 kDa, said Protein C is a complex-forming protein consisting essentially of an, wherein a polynucleotide C that encodes said Protein C hybridizes under stringent conditions with the full complement of a nucleic acid sequence C that encodes a C amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TccC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TccC3), and SEQ ID NO:57(TccC5), SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>Xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>Xb</sub>);
- said Protein A has activity against an insect and said activity is potentiated by said Protein B and said Protein C; and

said Protein B and said Protein C potentiate the activity of said Protein A;

wherein when said C amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>Xb</sub>), said B amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC);

wherein when said B amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>), said C amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TeeC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TeeC3), and SEQ ID NO:57(TeeC5) and

wherein said stringent conditions are 0.1X SSC and 0.1% SDS at 55° C.

## Claim 22 (currently amended):

The method of claim 21 wherein said Protein <u>C\_A</u>-comprises SEQ ID NO:<u>47\_34</u> (<u>TccC3XptA2<sub>Xwi</sub></u>).

# Claim 23 (currently amended):

The method of claim 21 wherein said <u>Protein B comprises amino acid sequence is SEQ</u> ID NO:45 (TcdB2).

# Claim 24 (currently amended):

The method of claim 21 wherein said <u>Protein C amino acid sequence</u> is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:47 (TccC3) and SEQ ID NO:57 (TccC5).

#### Claim 25 (currently amended):

The method of claim 21 wherein said <u>Protein nucleic acid sequence</u> B <u>comprises encodes</u> SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and <u>Protein nucleic acid sequence</u> C <u>comprises encodes</u> SEQ ID NO:47 (TccC3).

#### Claims 26-33 (canceled).

# Claim 34 (currently amended):

A method of inhibiting an insect wherein said method comprises contacting said insect with an A component and, a B component, and a C component, wherein said components form an insecticidal toxin complex, wherein

- said A component is a 230-290 kDa complex-forming protein having at least 99 95% identity with an A amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:34 (XptA2) and SEQ ID NO:14 (XptA1);
- said B component is a 130-180 kDa complex-forming protein having at least 99 95% identity with a B amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC), SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>);
- said C component is a 90-120 kDa complex forming protein having at least 95% identity with a C amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TeeC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TeeC3), SEQ ID NO:57(TeeC5), SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>Xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>Xb</sub>);
- wherein said A component has activity against an insect, and wherein said B component is a potentiator of said A component and C components potentiate said activity;
- wherein when said C amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>Xb</sub>), said B amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC); and
- wherein when said B amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>), said C amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TecC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TecC3), and SEQ ID NO:57 (TecC5).

### Claim 35 (currently amended):

The method of claim 34 wherein said A <u>component amino acid sequence</u> is SEQ ID NO:34 (XptA2).

## Claim 36 (currently amended):

A method of inhibiting an insect wherein said method comprises contacting said insect with an A component, a B component, and a C component, wherein said components form an insecticidal toxin complex, wherein

- said A component is a 230-290 kDa complex-forming protein having at least 95% identity with SEQ ID NO:34 (XptA2)an A sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:21 (TcdA), SEQ ID NO:62 (TcdA2), SEQ ID NO:63 (TcdA4), and SEQ ID NO:59 (TcbA);
- said B component is a 130-180 kDa complex forming protein having at least 95% identity with an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC), SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xh</sub>);
- said C component is a 90-120 kDa complex-forming protein having at least 95% identity with an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TccC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TccC3), and SEQ ID NO:57 (TccC5), SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>xh</sub>);
- wherein said A component has activity against an insect, and said B and C component is a potentiator of said A component, and any differences between said A component and SEQ ID NO:34, and between said C component and said amino acid sequence, are conservative amino acid substitutions components potentiate said toxin activity;
- wherein when said C sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TecC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TecC3), and SEQ ID NO:57 (TecC5), said B sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>) when said C sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TecC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TecC3), and SEQ ID NO:57 (TecC5); and
- wherein when said B sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC), said C sequence is

selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>Xb</sub>) when said B sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC).

## Claim 37 (currently amended):

The method of claim 36 wherein said <u>C component comprises</u> A sequence is SEQ ID NO:<u>47 21 (TccC3TedA)</u>.

#### Claim 38 (currently amended):

The method of claim 34, wherein said method further comprises contacting said insect with a

- said A component comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:34 (XptA2) and SEQ ID NO:14 (XptA1);
- said B component comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC), SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>); and
- said C component <u>comprising comprises</u> an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of <del>SEQ ID NO:25 (TeeC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TeeC3), SEQ ID NO:57(TeeC5), SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>Xwi</sub>), and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>Xb</sub>);</del>
- wherein when said C component <u>comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:16 (XptB1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:51 (XptC1<sub>Xb</sub>), said B component comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22 (TcdB1), SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and SEQ ID NO:56 (TcaC); and</u>
- wherein when said B component is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub>) and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>), said C component comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25 (TccC1), SEQ ID NO:47 (TccC3), and SEQ ID NO:57(TccC5).

# Claim 39 (currently amended):

The method of claim 38 36 wherein when said method further comprises contacting said insect with a B A-component selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18 (XptC1<sub>Xwi</sub> and SEQ ID NO:49 (XptB1<sub>Xb</sub>)comprises SEQ ID NO:34 (XptA2).

# Claim 40 (currently amended):

The method of claim 35 wherein said B <u>component</u> amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2) and said C amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:47 (TccC3) and SEQ ID NO:57 (TccC5).

# Claim 41 (currently amended):

The method of claim <u>36</u> 40 wherein said <u>A component amino acid sequence</u> is SEQ ID NO:34 7 (XptA2TeeC3).

# Claim 42 (currently amended):

The method of claim 39 wherein said <u>C</u>B component comprises SEQ ID NO:45 (TcdB2), and said C component comprises SEQ ID NO:47 (TccC3).